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**BY ECF AND EMAIL**

Hon. Sidney H. Stein  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re:        *United States v. Paracha, 03 Cr. 1197 (SHS)***

Dear Judge Stein:

On Monday, April 2, 2018, the Government received a copy of the letter-brief and exhibits submitted by Mr. Dratel in response to this Court's orders of March 8, 2018, and March 19, 2018. In his 13-page, single-spaced submission, Mr. Dratel advances a number of arguments that relate to, but were not themselves previously raised in, Paracha's pending new trial motion. Although the Government submits that these arguments can be rejected on the grounds articulated in the Government's original opposition of February 2, 2009, to the extent that the Court feels that they merit further consideration, the Government would be glad to submit a response addressing them directly. If the Court would like such a response, given the length of Mr. Dratel's submission, the Government would respectfully request to have until April 20, 2018, to prepare and submit one.

Very truly yours,

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